

Minor Ulysses

We can identify two kinds of migrants. On one hand we have the Abraham kind, migrating from a land in search of another from which to pump honey and milk. There are several of these Abrahams, small patriarchal figures taking advantage of the weakened and matriarchal tribes of the north. We shall not talk so much about them; history has already shown how they settle in their promised land trying to subdue the hosting communities. Another kind of migrant however is the Ulysses type. He was sent to fight a war in a foreign country and he only wishes to go back to his own. He is therefore not a colonizer but a victim of political turmoil which has taken him away from his native land, or better the natural setting in which he was born.

Ulysses primary goal then is to return to the primitive nature that has conceived him. This return transforms into his main willing; he uses his genius and audacity to slowly pave the path of a return that will turn him most humble. He will have to overcome many an obstacle and moreover the temptation to become himself a Abraham in a foreign country. He is therefore not lead by a will to secure a better and more worldly life. His strong willing to return, turns him into a wretch going beyond human conditions. Nonetheless, despite all troubles, our Ulysses has providence on his side. What a discontent however to find at his unannounced return his native land at last filled with Abrahams. A new chapter of his life now open, subdue such a threat.

To this extend we can classify as Ulysses the many young Europeans who have been sent abroad for the sake of continental unity. After experiencing the naivety and impossibility of such a unity, a strong realization will hit them, they must return even though by then the way back has become almost impossible. They have been forgotten while the main focus and attention has shifted towards the outside, the alien. While no phobia should be developed against such a alienification, the main issue lays in the automation of these processes of alienation. What our contemporary Ulysses has to face in fact is the result of macro systems he will only be able to defeat by enhancing his or her own micro system mimicking such an automation but in reality creating his or her own autonomization from such an engulfing system that slowly comes to pervade also the most remote nature, the last hamlets where humanity can still breath of an independent imagination.